

Eklavya Program

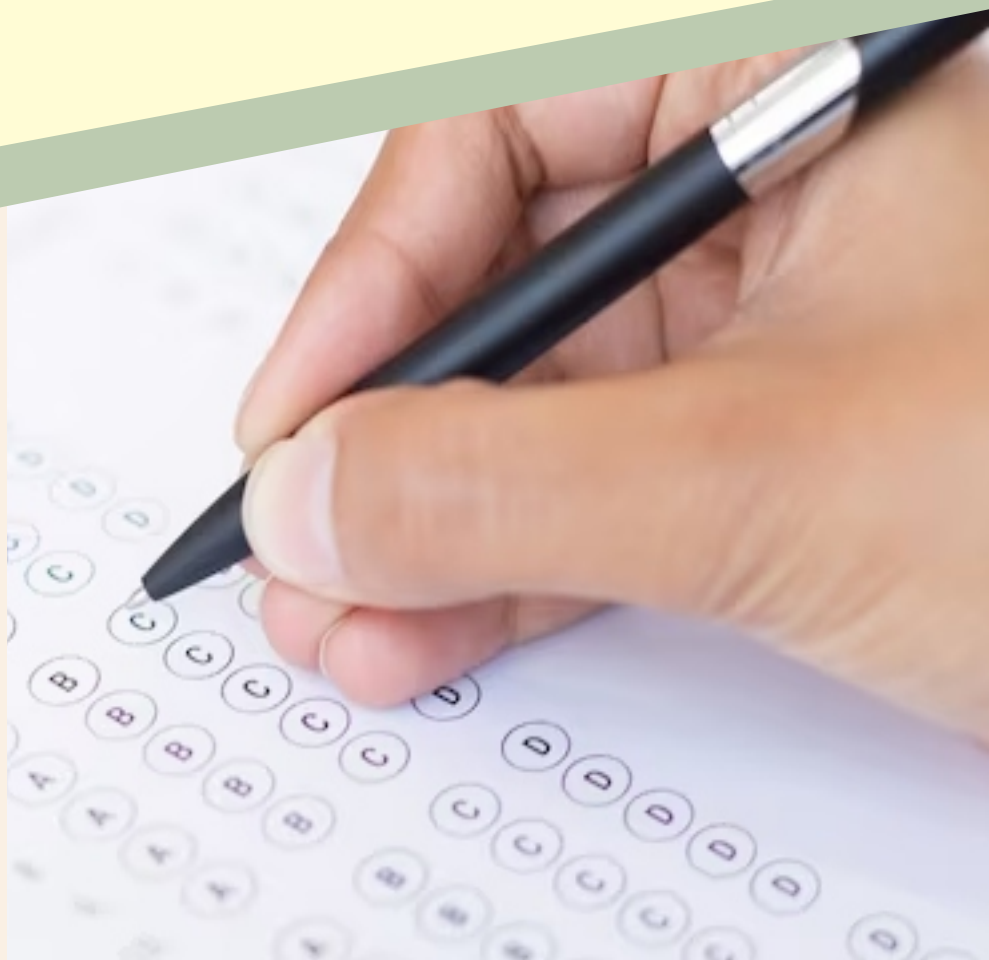
Prelims-cum-Mains

Mentor Guided Program

2026

Launches on 17th March | Duration: 6 – 12 Months

*"Your UPSC Dream
needs a Plan -
Let's build it with
a Mentor!"*



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Why Eklavya?

Since the inception of ForumIAS in 2012, we have been meeting tens of thousands of candidates from all over the country who are involved in the preparation for Civil Services.

A common problem that candidates who choose to do self-study is that

- (a) **they lack guidance,**
- (b) **do not know what areas to focus on and what not to**
- (c) **lack a guide whom they can consult for their preparation strategy**
- (d) **watch too many strategy videos and fail to finalize any ONE plan for their own preparation.**

A common consequence of this is that they are in an academic wilderness with a few attempts gone and no notes, no tests attempted, and a few years wasted.

It is said that CSE is an unpredictable examination. However, the truth is that the majority of the candidates attempt the examination **without** comprehensive preparation.

Eklavya is designed to solve these problems that a student may face in his preparation journey.

What is the Eklavya Program?

We all need a Mentor. The Eklavya Program is a **Pre-cum-Mains Guidance Program** by ForumIAS. In this program, a candidate will have a **Dedicated Mentor**, who will take him through a mutually discussed time-bound plan comprising both Prelims & Mains for **GS & Essay papers**, such that the candidate has the right guidance backed by the ForumIAS Content & Research Team. The Program shall **provide a study target** to be achieved regularly, and a follow-up to ensure accountability and correctness of the path a candidate is choosing, with the purpose of having a rock-solid preparation before he appears for the exam.

What are the features of Eklavya Program?

- A **Dedicated Mentor** who will be the guide to the candidate during his/her program journey and will be responsible for making a Pre-cum-Mains plan for him/her, based on their preparation level.
- **Regular Study Targets, with Daily Benchmark Assignments (BAs)** that focus on (a) note making (b) syllabus coverage (c) eliminating what not to study. The Study Target of 8 to 12 days with assignments that must be regularly submitted by the candidates. At the end of the target period, a candidate must appear for objective/subjective/combined Tests, known as the **Benchmark Tests (BT)**.
- We believe that about 52 weeks is the optimum time a candidate may need to finish the syllabus in a good way and have robust preparation before he writes the Civil Services examination. However, depending on the time commitment, prior effort as well as the academic background of the candidate, this can be brought down to 6-8 months or about **24–32 weeks**.
- The candidate will have access to Mentor Support for 52 weeks, even if the candidate finishes the syllabus before 52 weeks.
- Through this program, a candidate can expect to **practice at least 4000+MCQs and about 600-700 questions**

through Tests and assignments. These will be covered through (a) 7-10 Assignment Questions for Note-making, and (b) Benchmark Tests (BT) conducted every 8-12 days as per the study plan. The number of tests will vary depending on the priority of the candidate, time commitment and mentor's assessment. The goal is to not have infinite tests but to have tests and assignments that help in coverage of Mains issues and highlight key areas that are to be studied for Prelims.

- Candidates will have regular **Benchmark Tests** which also will have questions curated from MGP and Prelims Test Series, so that they are assured that they are getting as much as MGP students do, plus more.
- Regularly connect **with the Mentors - offline** at centers or **online** through telephonic/web conferences every 8/12 days as per the Targets & Tests taken by the candidate.

What will you get in the Eklavya Program?

- Aspirants would be provided with **Redbooks** curated by the ForumIAS Expert Content & Research Team.
- Analytical **Handouts** and other specialized study material like SFG Essentials and MGP Essentials to comprehensively cover each dimension of the syllabus.
- Complete access to ForumIAS **Prelims Test Series (PTS)** for CSE 2026. It is a comprehensive series of MCQ based mock tests designed to thoroughly prepare candidates for the Preliminary stage.
- Complete access to ForumIAS **MGP Program** for CSE 2026, after Prelims. These papers are designed to provide comprehensive practice and detailed analysis, helping candidates refine their exam strategies and improve their performance in the main examination.
- **14 Essay Tests** integrated with study plans, designed to complement the overall learning journey. These tests are strategically placed within the study schedule to help candidates practice and enhance their essay-writing skills.

What are the duties and responsibilities of the Mentor?

It shall be the duty of the Mentor to

- **Create Study Targets and assignments** for the candidate that are to be completed within the time frame – usually between 8 days to 12 days.
- **Conduct Assessment & Guidance Sessions** post the Tests to guide the student towards improvements and preparation for the next test.
- **Provide necessary inputs** to the student as and when required based on test performance and objective assessment.
- **Work with Program coordinators to nudge/follow up** with the student when the student goes astray, with the purpose of instilling discipline in the candidate
- **Communicate clearly to the candidate when he/she is falling behind targets and ensure timely correction.** An objective assessment of the candidate's efforts and directions for improvement from time, including a monthly Appraisal based on the candidate's efforts and performance, with honesty to timely allow the candidate to pursue the right path.
- Work with the candidate to **ensure improvement in answer writing practice.**

What not to expect from the Mentor?

- A Mentor, an **expert in Answer Writing & Prelims strategy**, is someone who has guided a few hundred students with good ranks in the past and has complete knowledge and experience of the complete life cycle of the preparation and the likely blind spots and pitfalls. He is **not expected to be a tutor**, to teach subjects with dictation.
- A mentor may provide a source - including a video source such as a YouTube video to prepare a certain topic but may not be expected to teach the student.
- A mentor can be a **psychological counsellor in only a limited capacity**. He may try to help a student with anxiety issues in a limited manner. However, a mentor specializes only with respect to the CSE Syllabus, Answer Writing and strategizing. He should not be expected to be of use in guidance with respect to private matters of the candidate.
- Candidates **must seek professional advice only and not personal/private advice** from the mentor.

What are the expectations from the students?

- Since this is a self-study program, **discipline, commitment**, and a certain level of **consistency** are expected from the mentee.
- A mentee must be truthful and realistic with respect to the time investments he can make for the examination. Only then a good plan can be made
- A Mentee must focus on covering the syllabus instead of worrying/pestering about things that do not matter in the long run.
- A Mentee must ensure that he covers the syllabus in the time once committed and finishes the assignments in the given time. This will require good time management skills, which the mentee must develop over a period.
- A Mentee must trust and follow the Mentor and work as per guidance provided by the Mentor.

What is the Duration of the Program?

Mentor Support will be available for 52 weeks from the commencement of the Program. Syllabus completion will depend on the effort put in by the candidate. A tentative plan for syllabus completion is as follows

#. Subject / Paper	Tentative Duration (This will vary from candidate to candidate)
1. Indian Polity	5-8 weeks
2. Geography	3-5 weeks
3. Environment	3-5 weeks
4. Modern History	5-6 weeks
5. Ancient & Medieval	1-2 weeks
6. Economy	3-5 weeks
7. Science & Technology	2-5 weeks
8. Art & Culture	2 weeks
9. Mains Advanced	8-12 weeks

Why does the subject preparation duration vary from candidate to candidate?

This is because the amount of studying we need to do for the exam depends a lot on our backgrounds and the effort we have already put in. For example, a complete fresher may take up to 8 weeks to finish Indian Polity by Mastering India Polity by ForumIAS, but a law graduate, or someone who has written the prelims before may finish it in 4 weeks.

Similarly, we have observed that a candidate with an engineering/sciences/ medicine background hardly needs a week or two to do Science & Tech, but core humanities students may take up to 3-4 weeks to cover the basics of Science & Tech.

What is the difference between MGP and Eklavya? Which one should I choose?

MGP provides a Mentor supported Test Series based program for Mains. You can discuss your paper after every test and make improvements in your answer writing with subsequent tests. A pre-set standard plan is followed for everyone which can be postponed. The Eklavya program is a pre-cum-Mains Guidance Program where the study plan and assignment itself are made by the Mentor and the Eklavya Team. Candidates who only need answer writing practice and improvement in answer writing must go for the Mains Guidance Program. Candidates who are looking for a comprehensive preparation suite may go for Eklavya.

What is the difference between the GS Foundation Program and Eklavya? Which one should I choose?

GSFP is a classroom-based foundation program where the onus on the content/notes is with the faculty. We do not recommend the Eklavya program over the GSFP, as a classroom program ensures that proper notes are made – which are crucial for the exam. The Eklavya Program on the other hand will provide a student with a Mentor, who will require the candidate to make notes (through curated assignments) by doing self-study, research and reading reference material suggested by the Mentor. In short, the notes in GSFP will be dictated/provided by the faculty, whereas in Eklavya the notes have to be made by the student himself.

Is the program available in offline mode?

The program is available in **both online as well as offline mode**. Candidates can visit the offline centre (Karol Bagh and Mukherjee Nagar in New Delhi, Gurgaon, Patna and Hyderabad) with prior information and write the Tests and submit the copies there itself. They can schedule their mentor meeting at these centres.

Who will be my mentor?

A Mentor will be someone who understands the demands of the examination, the requirements of answer writing and strategies for clearing Prelims.

How to proceed with the Program?

- The candidate will be required to enroll by paying the full fee if he wants to go ahead with the program.
- After payment confirmation, the Eklavya Team will reach out to the candidate and set up a call with the Mentor who will discuss the preparation level to gauge and determine the starting point for the candidate. (We all have different starting points, depending on our previous efforts for the exam and schooling/ graduation background).
- A broad Plan will be made by the Mentor for the candidate, followed by 8-day/12-day targets which the candidate must follow. Candidates will be required to complete the assignment and submit it to the program coordinator by doing self-study and research/sources recommended by the Mentor.
- To set the accountability, the program coordinator will follow up with the student and set up the Assessment & Guidance session (AGS) for the candidate.

HOW TO ENROL?

Students can enroll in the program by paying the fees through the below mentioned means:

- By visiting the website:
<https://academy.forumias.com>
(Net Banking / Debit Card / Credit Card / UPI)
- By Visiting the Offline Center (Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD)
- By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in ICICI account.

Please note that you must retain the payment proof in case of Cash deposit / NEFT and send it to admissions@forumias.academy within 48 hours of making the payment for your course to be activated.

For any query you can call us at +91 - 9311740400, 9311740900 or write to us at admissions@forumias.academy

FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Fees (* GST@18% Applicable Extra)	Total Fees
Eklavya Program 2026	₹ 70,000/-	₹ 82,600/-

Candidates can enroll by dropping an email to admissions@forumias.academy.

The Course fee for the Program is Rs. 82,600 inclusive of all taxes.

Early Bird Discount - All candidates who join on or before 31st March 2025, an early bird fee of **Rs. 75,000** (inclusive of all taxes) will be applicable.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Students enrolled in any course of ForumIAS must get a physical ID card for availing services in the offline mode. A nominal fee of Rs. 30 will be payable for the same.
- Your test copies will be evaluated within 10 working days of copy submission.
- Copies must be submitted within three weeks of the test release for timely evaluation. We recommend that you stick to the timetable and write tests on designated days. The commitment of 10 working days evaluation is valid only for copies submitted in this time period.
- This program is non-refundable and non-transferable. There is no difference between the online and offline mode - candidates can come and write the test at Test Centre or remotely and send us scanned copies.
- Each program of ForumIAS is linked to a ForumIAS Account with a fixed mobile number. No sharing of any programs is allowed. If candidates are found sharing programs, ForumIAS shall be free to terminate that or all program access to the candidate without any refund to the candidate.
- ForumIAS shall have full rights to close admissions as per its capacity. ForumIAS shall be free to amend its schedule in case of any exigencies that may arise.
- All fees once paid are non-refundable in nature. The course is also non-transferable in nature to another person. By subscribing to the course, you agree to the terms and conditions mentioned above.